

space. We've worked together an awful lot to make sure that that's represented well—and it is—up in Huntsville. In my estimation—and I've told BUD this before—in Huntsville, there should be one of our national labs. I mean what they do in Huntsville, Alabama for our missile defense and for our space activities is just outstanding. A great deal of that is because of BUD CRAMER and his work on the Appropriations Committee and on the Intelligence Committee.

He is the chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee on Intelligence, and he has done an outstanding job of moving things forward that have to be moved forward in that committee. It is just a real honor for me to be able to be his ranking member on that. I, too, think that it's good that Alabama has two Members who are in leadership positions on that particular committee.

So, BUD, I want to thank you and I'll miss you. I've appreciated your friendship. I've appreciated your loyalty to this country, to the State and to your district, and I hope you stay connected. I know that you're one of the leading experts in a lot of these areas, and I really hope that you will stay connected to space. I certainly intend to stay connected to it.

Thank you very much, Jo.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say thank you for allowing us to have this opportunity on behalf of the 433 other Members of Congress who are not here in person but who tonight, in some form or fashion, have expressed their love, their appreciation and their respect for the dedicated service of BUD CRAMER and of TERRY EVERETT.

In closing, I just want to tell the people who might be listening in Kansas or in Wisconsin or in Florida or in California that this is an example of the best of America, of the best of two men who grew up in different times but in the same State, who came to Congress 2 years apart and who worked their hearts out to make their country a better place.

As the son of an Alabama sharecropper and railroad foreman, TERRY EVERETT knew hard times from the day he was born, never leaving his home area of Dothan and Midland City until he joined the Army following high school. He learned Russian. He served as an intelligence analyst in Europe. After his military service, he came back to his beloved Dothan and worked as a sports reporter. He then covered the police beat for the Dothan Eagle, eventually becoming a newspaper editor and publisher and eventually becoming an owner of several newspapers in southwest Alabama.

TERRY, on behalf of the people in Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery, and Pike Counties—635,000 people who have benefited from your 16 years of dedicated serv-

ice—a heartfelt thanks for what you have done and for what you continue to do.

Certainly, without equal, BUD CRAMER was named just a few years ago by Money Magazine as one of America's best Congressmen. What a tribute and what a true statement at that.

For a remarkable career, the people of Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Madison, Lawrence, and Morgan Counties owe a debt of gratitude for your outstanding 18 years of service, BUD.

As the editorial staff of the Huntsville Times said it best, your record has been nothing short of remarkable.

The Times Daily went on to say that he has shown that he can represent the people of his district while always considering the best interest of his Nation.

These are two outstanding men who will leave Congress at the end of this session, but they will leave a lifetime of service.

BUD, especially for you, in the area of child advocacy, you certainly are the national leader in that area.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to a dear friend across the aisle. My colleague, Representative BUD CRAMER will retire after eighteen years of service to the people of Alabama's 5th District when this session adjourns.

Congressman CRAMER has been a pleasure to work with during my time in the House, and has contributed a great deal to the Alabama Congressional Delegation. His willingness to discuss issues across party lines speaks to his genuine concern for the well-being of his constituents. Congressman CRAMER has been a strong, advocate for sensible legislation and has used his positions on the House Appropriations and Permanent Select Intelligence Committees to champion fiscally responsible programs.

I would like to thank Congressman CRAMER once more for his dedicated service. I have been honored to work with him over the past 6 years.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to a dear friend and exemplary member of this body. My colleague, Representative TERRY EVERETT will retire after 16 years of service to the people of Alabama's 2nd District when this session adjourns.

Congressman EVERETT has been an invaluable resource for the Alabama Congressional Delegation. His experience and insight were a great help to me when I first came to Washington in 2002. As a member of the Agriculture, Armed Services, and Permanent Select Intelligence Committees, he has furthered the interests of the people of Alabama and the security of the United States.

I would like to thank Congressman EVERETT once more for his dedicated service. He is a gentleman with the highest regard for duty and principle, and he will be dearly missed.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the time to the Chair.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JIM SAXTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 18, 2007, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LOBIONDO) will control the remainder of the hour.

Mr. LOBIONDO. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, very much.

I am here tonight to talk about one of our retiring colleagues from New Jersey, Congressman JIM SAXTON, who after 24 years in Congress is hanging it up this year. Jim has been a colleague and a mentor of mine.

When I was first elected to Congress in 1994, I remember going through orientation. People were asking me what it was like, and it was like trying to get a drink of water from a fire hose. There was so much information that it was difficult to get.

JIM SAXTON said, "Listen, I have a desk in my office. I want to make my staff available to you, and I want you to get off on the right foot." It was the beginning of a great relationship.

He has been a teacher; he has been a mentor; he has been a leader, and he has been an individual who has been focused on generating results. He wasn't so much interested in the rhetoric. JIM was never one to be running to a camera, to be wanting to do that interview and to get his face on TV or anything like that. He was interested in finding out about the problem, in determining what the possible solutions were and then in working for a consensus. He is known for many things within his district and for doing a great job in representing his constituents, but his work on the Armed Services Committee and his leadership on Armed Services is what he is best known for.

To talk about that a little bit, I would like to yield time to Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER, who is probably JIM SAXTON's closest friend in this Congress of the United States, who knows more about JIM SAXTON and who will share some of the stories with you.

Mr. HUNTER. I thank the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey for yielding. Thanks for the privilege of being here.

We just finished talking about TERRY EVERETT, one of the real giants in this House, and now, to talk about JIMMY SAXTON.

You know, there are a lot of ways to describe JIMMY SAXTON. JIMMY SAXTON is the kind of guy you'd like to share a duck blind with because he's such a good guy, and he's just fun to be around, and he's got a great sense of humor.

He talks about the time—and I'll tell the story on myself—that we went deer hunting one day. We were going to go bowhunting for deer. I told JIMMY I'd pick him up at 5:00 in the morning, and I did pick him up at 5:00 in the morning in my old, beat-up suburban that we called the war wagon.

We were driving out toward this farm that I had permission for us to hunt on. We never got anything, but we had a lot of fun out there, watching the sun come up. We were driving out there, and I realized, you know, when you're deer hunting, you want to get into the

woods before daylight, while it's still dark. You want to get up, and you're blind, so you're waiting for the animals to move.

I realized we didn't have a flashlight, and so JIMMY said, "Well, darn it. I don't have one either." So he said, "I thought you were going to bring one."

I was supposed to bring it, so we stopped at the first convenience store, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth. None of them had it. Now, finally, at one store, just as we got next to the farm, JIMMY said, "I'll bet that one's got it." Sure enough, it did. He went in, and he got the flashlight and the batteries.

He came out, and he said, "HUNTER, I've got the flashlight." He said, "There's only one problem."

I said, "What's that?"

He said, "The sun is coming up right now."

I said, "I don't care. We're taking that flashlight into the woods. We paid for it. We're going to use it."

So JIMMY SAXTON is just a fun guy. He's one of those guys who's kind of like TERRY, who always had his eyes on the national interest. You know, this place, this city and this political system is full of interests, and that's legitimate. Most of the interests come from our own countrymen in our own districts and from people who have positions on things that they feel very strongly about. A lot of them are economic positions. A lot of them are social positions. JIMMY SAXTON is the kind of guy who can always look through all of that and see what he called the American interest or what I call the American interest, which is always to do the right thing and to want to do the right thing. That's what makes this country go.

Now, JIMMY, as I said, is a hunter. He loves to hunt. I'll never forget the time he came out to Wyoming, and we went antelope hunting out there. BARBARA CUBIN, a great representative from Wyoming, had arranged for us to come out there to do some antelope hunting, and we did that.

After that was over, JIMMY went on a trail drive. Now, as a boy from New Jersey, he doesn't get to go on many trail drives, but he went on a trail drive. So I gave him his picture a couple of nights ago—and the gentleman from New Jersey was there, Mr. LOBIONDO—and it's a picture of a bunch of cowboys on their horses, and it's entitled something like "True Friends." I put on the inscription plate of that picture "A friend for life, JIMMY SAXTON; from Duncan, Lynn—" she's my wife—"Duncan D.—" he's my marine son who is now running for Congress—"and Sam." He's my youngest son.

That's the way you feel about JIMMY. You work with JIMMY professionally, but you feel about him that he's just a great, close friend. Like TERRY EVERETT, he has helped me down my long career of running for and mostly losing leadership positions, every now and then winning one.

You know, in the end, as you've gone down this competitive trail once again, it's not all the results of these things, because we all win and lose every day whether you're winning issues or losing them or are winning elections or losing them, but it's the people you work with along the way and the people who are your friends. JIMMY SAXTON is as true an American as those first Americans.

You know, I imagine those first Americans who fired those first shots in the Revolutionary War who said now we've done it. We've got the biggest, strongest country in the world coming at us—the British empire—but they decided to take them on for freedom. I can imagine that among those people were lots of people who had the character of JIMMY SAXTON—that of pure principle, of doing what you think is right even though it's going to have adverse consequences and of enjoying this great, wonderful country that God gave us called the United States of America.

So I thank Mr. LOBIONDO for ordering up this time.

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TERRY EVERETT sat next to Mr. SAXTON for a long time on the Armed Services Committee. TERRY and JIMMY sat side by side. I was hoping, leaving as the ranking member, that JIMMY would take that position. And now he is retiring. And then I was hoping that TERRY would take that position, and now he is retiring. We are losing two great, great, bright lights, two stars in this very important leadership position because everyone who is on the Armed Services Committee is a leader of sorts.

I am kind of interested in what the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. EVERETT) has to say about Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. EVERETT. There is not a lot I can add about JIMMY, but I would say that I announced my retirement first. If I had known JIMMY was going to retire, I may not have retired and taken a shot at the ranking member.

But I think one of the key things you said, JIMMY SAXTON always put the Nation first. We hear a lot of stuff. We have experts coming from any direction with any opinion on any subject. JIMMY SAXTON had that great ability to just cut through all of the background noise and come to the real pearl that you need to make the kind of legislative decisions that we have to make in the House Armed Services Committee. He was very, very good. I don't know anybody better in Congress who can do that. I have great admiration for JIMMY.

This Congress will miss JIMMY. His steadfast hand on his subcommittee work, of which he has had a couple now. And I, too, thought JIMMY would end up being the next ranking member. He would have been an outstanding person to follow an outstanding former chairman and ranking member, DUNCAN Hunter. And he has a lot of same attributes, looking out for the guys out

there in the mud and walking the roads and wearing the gear in the 110, 115 degree heat. JIMMY SAXTON, like DUNCAN Hunter, always looked after the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines first. That is one reason I have great admiration for you, DUNCAN, and JIMMY. I just say God bless both of you in whatever endeavors you do in the future.

Mr. HUNTER. Well, TERRY, we are probably going to come out to your farm. You have a big house which will hold a lot of folks.

Mr. EVERETT. Well, we have a lot of deer out there and you are both hunters. You are welcome to bring your camera any time.

Mr. HUNTER. TERRY EVERETT said JIMMY SAXTON always cared about the soldiers, and he did, very deeply.

Interestingly, I had a lot of conversations with him about weapons systems. Never in those conversations, and people look at this as a place where lobbyists come in, and they lobby for things and want you to support them because they give contributions or their things are made in your district, I never heard JIMMY SAXTON say, even in total confidence, we need to go for this one because it is politically the thing to do or it is good for my campaign. He would always argue the merits and he was willing to be convinced the other way if there were enough facts on the table.

We all visit the military bases, and we know the major bases and we go to them. When we go into theater in Iraq or Afghanistan, you go to the big bases and you spend a lot of time with the line troops. I was a line troop in the 173rd and our conventional forces.

JIMMY, as chairman of the Terrorism Subcommittee, he oversaw special operations forces. And so he spent a lot of time going to little, out-of-the-way places and meeting with people who weren't highly visible all of the time, but people who work in small teams and work in dangerous and difficult places.

And kind of like the gentleman from Alabama who is one of the few people who served at the same time on the Armed Services Committee and the Intelligence Committee, and that is Mr. EVERETT, and understands the enormous character that is required of our intelligence people, JIMMY SAXTON spent a lot of time with our Green Berets, with our Seals, with our Rangers and special operators, and he made sure that these people had the custom-made things that they need. That didn't always come in the regular procurement accounts. When you are undertaking these difficult missions, they need unusual equipment. JIMMY SAXTON was very meticulous about making sure that they had the right stuff.

That is an important job, and I hope that those who come after JIMMY have the same attention to detail and the same concern for those guys who need extraordinary equipment.

He is going to be missed.

Mr. LOBIONDO, I have watched as we would listen to a debate, and I will

come in and sit next to you, and we will both listen to JIM SAXTON. He will share some of that great wisdom of his about issues, and it is always straight ahead. It is always the best advice he can give, and it is always in the best interests of our country.

Thanks for letting me come out. Since I presented JIM with his picture of, guess what from the west, horses, I am going to retrieve that back from his office and present it to him four or five more times.

Thank you for yielding to me.

Mr. LOBIONDO. I thank you very much.

Picking up what Mr. HUNTER said, shortly after the global war on terror began, I believe it was my first trip into theater, JIMMY SAXTON was code leader. And for a rather new member of the Armed Services Committee, to understand how this all came over, JIM SAXTON had a passion for understanding where the problems were and getting results.

As Chairman HUNTER indicated, he focused on special forces. I remember we visited with some special forces folks. JIMMY, true to form, listened very intently and found that there was a problem that was occurring with some small items, batteries that troops in the field had a great deal of difficulty with at the time.

I remember JIMMY talking about it and getting a lot of detail and coming back before one of the subcommittee hearings with I believe it was DARPA, and he explained in great detail what the problems were and had people focusing on something that they wouldn't have focused on only because he was there with the troops and had them in mind. Very respectful, very bipartisan, very inclusive, and a real model for how to get things done. And especially on Armed Services where, and I believe everything we do here is important, but Armed Services is not selling wheat to Bulgaria. It is about the lives of the men and women in uniform who are volunteering and serving our Nation, and JIMMY SAXTON always had their best interests at heart.

And when it came to the State of New Jersey, we are not considered a military State, but we have some great military bases. JIMMY SAXTON looked at the three bases. We had Fort Dix, Fort McGuire and Lakehurst Naval Air Station, and he saw the great value in what they were doing. But he saw an even greater value in the quality of work that they could do if they could be combined together in a mega-base.

People sort of smiled and chuckled when they first heard about this. And he came to Mr. HUNTER about it and he convinced DUNCAN it was a good idea. JIMMY, as he always did, very quietly rolled up his sleeves, and when that last BRAC commission came out, we now have a mega-base. It is good for New Jersey, but it is really good for America. It makes sense for America. It makes sense for our men and woman in uniform to integrate these assets

into something that is much more powerful as a whole than they were individually.

He was a great assistance to me with the 177th Fighter Wing, which is in my district, the 2nd Congressional District. It is the premier homeland security base in the entire Nation because of its strategic location. When our jets are alerted and they fly combat air patrols over Washington and New York, they are 8 minutes from the time they are alerted to get over our Nation's capital.

We had need for military construction projects to keep this alert facility on a solid footing. JIMMY came along with you, Chairman HUNTER, on one of those trips, and he was the kind of guy who rolled up his sleeves. He was not just interested in his district, but what was best for the country. He did that time and time again.

My regret is I feel I have so much more to learn from him and he was such a great mentor and teacher. I am thinking about contacting Webster's and making sure that when they put the word "congressman" in the dictionary, they put JIM SAXTON's picture next to it because as far as I am concerned, he epitomizes what we should all be about, focusing on the greater good and focusing on what is best for America and understanding how to get results and not just produce rhetoric.

Chairman HUNTER, I thank you for your years of service, and I thank you for joining me tonight and honoring JIM SAXTON.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. SUTTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SPRATT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KAGEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. FOXX) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today and September 25.

Mr. SALI, for 5 minutes, September 25.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today and September 25.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 25.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, September 25.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. FILNER, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$1,974.

SENATE BILLS AND A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a Concurrent Resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1255. An act to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1810. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

S. 2816. An act to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

S. 3328. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a one-year extension of other transaction authority; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

S. Con. Res. 101. Concurrent resolution, honoring the University of Nebraska at Omaha for its 100 years of commitment to higher education; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 923. An act to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.